
Public Notice

Applicant:

Anton L. Gombach, Jr.

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Buffalo District CELRB-CO-R RE: 2000-00293(0) Section: OH 10 and 404

Application for Permit under Authority of
Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and
Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

Anton L. Gombach, Jr., 21451 Edgecliff Drive, Euclid, Ohio, 44123 has requested a Department of the Army permit to construct an armor stone revetment and three groins along the shoreline of his property. The project is located on the Lake Erie shoreline at three adjacent properties: #4274, subplot 14 and subplot 13 Shore Drive, Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio.

The project consists of the following:

- a. The 420 linear feet of breakwater will consist of 3-6 ton armor stone on a layer of 6" to 18" bedding underlain by a geotextile filter. The breakwater will extend from a toe elevation of 570.0 feet International Great Lakes Datum (IGLD), 1985 to a crest of 583.0 feet IGLD 1985 at a 2H:1V slope on the lakeward side and a 3H:2V slope on the landward side. A five foot scour apron at the lakeward toe of the slope will provide scour protection, will be placed in an excavated trench, and will have a bottom elevation of 566.6 feet IGLD 1985. Clean fill consisting of stone, concrete rubble, and/or earth will be placed between the breakwater and the existing eroding bluff face. Geotextile filter will be placed between adjacent stone layers and the fill if the earth fill fraction exceeds 10%. Above the crest of the breakwater, a layer of 12" to 18" splash stone will extend to an elevation of 585.0 feet IGLD 1985 at a slope of 11H:2V.
- b. Two rows of armor stone have already been placed directly against the toe of the bluff as an emergency measure to protect the bluff toe from winter storms. This placement reaches lakeward approximately 8 feet. All material was placed above Ordinary High Water.
- c. Three armor stone groins will be placed perpendicular to the face of the breakwater and spaced at 110 feet. Each groin will consist of 4-6 ton armor stone and will have a crest length of 55 feet, a crest width of 6 feet, a crest elevation of 577.0 feet IGLD 1985, side slopes of 2H:1V, and a base width of 30 feet. This material will be placed over a layer of geotextile filter and a central layer of ODOT 601(B) stone 1.0 to 1.5 feet thick. All groin toes will be keyed into the lake bottom.

Total amounts of material to be placed for these structures:

Breakwater:	4000 gross cubic yards of armor stone
	1390 gross cubic yards of bedding layer stone
	2180 gross cubic yards of clean fill
	200 gross cubic yards of splash layer stone
Groins:	925 gross cubic yards of armor and bedding stone

The following approximate quantities of material will be placed below OHW 573.4 feet IGLD 1985:

Breakwater:	200 gross cubic yards of armor stone
	85 gross cubic yards of bedding layer stone
Groins:	635 gross cubic yards of armor and bedding stone

The applicant's stated purpose is to create a stable shore slope protected from erosion and to encourage a modest accretion of sand.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Elizabeth W. Stone, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4363, or by e-mail at: Elizabeth.W.Stone@usace.army.mil

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with Ohio's approved Coastal Zone Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program. Any comments on the consistency of the proposed activity with Ohio's Coastal Zone Management Program should be forwarded to:

Mr. Don Povolny
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Real Estate and Land Management
Resource Management Section
1952 Belcher Drive, Building C-4
Columbus, Ohio 43224-1386
Telephone (614) 265-6649
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The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199, and should be marked to the attention of Elizabeth W. Stone, or by e-mail at: Elizabeth.W.Stone@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Paul G. Leuchner
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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